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Who says band isn't fun?

Ean Weber

The Algona High School Scarlet Regiment Marching Band hosted their 61st year of Band Day. The town always looks forward to this thrilling event.

The band performed a Billy Joel themed show this year with songs: "We Didn't Start the Fire," "My Life," "Air," and "Only the Good Die Young."

"I look forward to Band Day more than

Christmas because I get the gift of music," says Derrik Johnson.

There was a total of 34 bands at the event.

The Scarlet Regiment Marching Band took the first place trophy for the parade marching segment and the drum line had an amazing performance at the drum show uptown after the parade.

When the sun started

to set, the bands took the field for the field competition and did an amazing job with their performance. The band took the second place trophy on Saturday night and did an amazing job overall for only having a short time to practice.

Crestwood took the first place trophy in the field competition and Sheldon took home the trophy for winning the sweepstakes.

"The judges thought we did a great job and told us ways to improve," says band conductor John Aboud.

This coming Saturday the band invites you to come down to Fort Dodge, to Dodgers Stadium, to watch the band at the State contest. The band is scheduled to perform at 2:00 PM on Saturday.

Goodies for a cause

Kelsie Varvel

On October 6th, there was a bake sale held in the commons, near the restrooms, led by the Leadership class. The purpose of the bake sale was to give all the proceeds to Brandon Lee's family.

So p h o m o r e , Brandon Lee's father, Dana Lee, passed away on September 26th, at the age of 42, due to a heart attack. He was married to Deborah Sidles on February 14, 1991. He had three children; one step daughter and two sons. Mr. Lee graduated from Algona High School in 1985. He received a degree in law enforcement from North Iowa Area Community College in 1987. He was employed as a semi driver for Max Yield Cooperative. He was a fan of racing and a

Hawkeye and Husker fan.

Many goodies were available, and donations were taken. As of seventh period, the bake sale had made over \$500.

While this is a very sad event in the lives of many people, thank you to everyone who showed support and donated!



Band Day

"It was cold, but very entertaining,"
Whitni Harms

"I just love Band Day with all my heart; it should be every day," Joe Cook

"It was cold,"
AnnaLise Manske

"I like Band Day because it sounds like Bandaids," Eric Tull

"It was a very good first year," Tiffany Long

"It was geerratee,"
Chase Pfeffer

"It was fun watching the bands," Abbie Atkinson

"The bands were awesome," Molly Cook

"I liked all the floats,"
Alynnia Freeburg

The Go-Hawks and the Cadets top the Bulldogs

Audrey Schuttler

The football players fell to Waverly, Friday, September 25. The score ended up being 34-15 after four quarters of play. The Bulldogs began the game with a quick turnover, handing the ball to the Go-Hawks. Waverly got another touchdown, increasing the lead 21-0. Soon in the fourth quarter, Algona bounced back with a touchdown by Austin Zadow from the one-yard line, making the score 21-7. The Go-Hawks scored

two more touchdowns but Blair Bradley broke loose in the final minutes for a touchdown.

Friday, October 2, the Bulldogs played at home against Iowa Falls-Alden. At Bulldog Stadium, the Cadets defeated the Bulldogs with a score of 40-17. The first series resulted with a Cadet touchdown. They scored once again in the first quarter with 16 seconds left. The Bulldogs 'D' stood up to Iowa Falls in the end zone,

causing a safety for two points. Iowa Falls scored another touchdown four minutes later. With a little over a minute left in the half, Austin Zadow ran for a 47 yard touchdown. The two teams went into half time with a score of 20-9. The Cadets scored two more touchdowns in the third quarter and then once more in the fourth quarter. Connor McGuire blocked the Cadets' point after touchdown, leaving the score at 40-9.

The Dogs came back with a touchdown by Austin Zadow and a two-point score from Blair Bradley to Zadow. Michael McMahon had an impressive night on defense with a total of 17 tackles.

The Bulldogs will travel to Hampton-Dumont to face their Bulldogs on Friday, October 9th. Senior football player, Blake Mills, stated, "It's been a fun year so far."

Running to victory

Jeni Zeller

Last Monday, the 28th, the boys and girls cross country teams ran at their home invitational in Whittemore.

The boys Varsity team cruised to a victory, beating Spirit Lake 44 to 63. Ryan McMahon led the Bulldogs with a 1st place finish. Kyle Walker and Alex Kenne were 8th and 9th, and Derek Beaumier was 11th. Joey Schattschneider rounded out the scoring with 15th place. Jessica Kuhlman says, "I love sitting

by a cross country stud in accounting."

The girls were led by Nicole Bosworth in 17th place. Allana Lauck placed 30th with Stella Arndorfer finishing right behind her in 31st. Katie Connick and Kyle Klepper placed 51st and 56th. The Lady Bulldogs placed 8th overall with 185 total team points.

Josh Hollinger led the JV boys with a 2nd place finish and Katie Green finished 8th for the JV girls.

On Tuesday, the

6th, the Bulldogs traveled to Eagle Grove to participate in the Eagle Grove Invitational. The boys brought home the victory, winning the meet with a team total of 34 points. Garner Hayfield was behind them with 35 points. Ryan McMahon finished the race in first place. Alex Kenne was in 4th place and Joey Schattschneider finished in 7th place. Derek Beaumier and Johnny Aboud placed 8th and 14th.

The girls' team placed third as a team with

76 total points. Nicole Bosworth led the team with an 8th place finish. Allana Lauck and Stella Arndorfer placed 10th and 16th. Paige Yi placed 19th and Kyle Klepper placed 23rd for the Bulldogs.

The JV boys were led by Christian Parker in 4th place and the girls were led by Rachel Hoskins in 6th place.

The Bulldogs will next participate in the NCC Championship. This is on Tuesday, the 13th. Good luck to everyone running!

Finishing fifth in the water

Molly Cook

On Saturday, September 26th, the Algona swim team finished fifth at the Polar Bear Invitational in Des Moines. Top place finisher, JoHanna Degen, finished second in the 100 free and fourth in the 50 free. The 200 and 400 free relay teams of Deb Weideman, Missy Zadow, Jenni Weaver,

and JoHanna Degen finished fifth. The 200 medley relay team of Mackenzie Wilson, Missy Zadow, Jenni Weaver, and Deb Weideman finished sixth. Missy Zadow was eighth in the 100 backstroke, Jenni Weaver came ninth in the 100 free, and Nicole Kenne came 12th in the 500 free.

On Tuesday, October 1st, the team traveled to Spirit Lake. Hanna Degen finished second in the 100 free, the 200 free relay team consisting of Hannah Priest, Kendall Bosch, Jenni Weaver, and Hanna Degen was fourth, and the 400 relay team consisting of Mackenzie Wilson, Hanna Degen, Jenni

Weaver, and Kendall Bosch finished second. Nicole Kenne finished fourth in the 200 free.

The girls' next meet is in Spencer on October 12th.

NFL: Week 4

Triston Dacken

Week four in the NFL was a roller coaster of ups and downs, while some teams met unexpected success and some failed.

The Denver Broncos remain undefeated in an upset against the Dallas Cowboys, pulling off a last minute touchdown to win 17-10.

The Colts are also 4-0 with a 34-17 stomp down on the Seahawks in which Peyton Manning lit up the stadium, throwing for 353 yards and 2 touchdowns.

Brett Favre faced his ex-team of 16 years on Monday night and showed that he still has what it takes to be a fantastic quarterback. He led his Vikings to a 30-23 win over the Packers by throwing for 271 yards and three touchdowns. Adam Reimers said, "Too bad for all the Cheeseheads, Favre is definitely the way to go." While the Vikings did well through the air, the Packers

held Adrian Petersen to a 55-yard rushing game, and Chester Taylor only got 8 yards on the ground. The Purple People Eaters lived up to their name, sacking Green Bay's quarterback, Aaron Rodgers, 8 times, 4.5 of which were credited to Vikings' defensive end, Jared Allen, and one for a safety. This game forced the MLB to postpone a tiebreaker game that was supposed to take place Monday night at the Metrodome until Tuesday night.

The Saints remain 4-0 after handing the Jets their first loss of the season in a 24-10 victory. This is the Jets' rookie quarterback, Mark Sanchez's, first loss in the NFL.

The Bengals hold on to their winning streak in a victory against the Browns. Having only won three games last year, they are on a roll; with more wins likely to come in future games.

The Chicago Bears won their third game in a row against Detroit in a 48-24 beat down. The Bears' quarterback, Jay Cutler, scored an *amazing* rushing touchdown when he ran to escape a sack and leapt into the air, doing a flip after being hit, and landing on his back in the end zone.

The Tennessee Titans have *still* not won a game, losing to the Jacksonville Jaguars. Last year's 10-3 Titans are nowhere to be found.

The Cardinals get a bye week to regroup and rethink their game plan, as they are 1-2. Although their win against the Jaguars was a record setting game for Kurt Warner, he completed 24-26 passes, they have not won any other games than that. They face Houston for their next game.

In a little drama from back in week 3, the Oakland Raiders' head

coach, Tom Cable, is under scrutiny, and perhaps arrest, after his assistant coach, Randy Hanson, accused him of punching him in the face and breaking his jaw. He has continued to receive paychecks from the team but was told to stay away from the team's training facility.

Last year's Super Bowl champs, the Steelers, are 2-2, redeeming themselves this week in a win over San Diego after an embarrassing loss last week against the Bengals.

Six teams are still winless after week 4, the Panthers, the Browns, the Chiefs, the Rams, the Buccaneers, and the Titans. Meanwhile, the Broncos, the Colts, the Saints, the Vikings, and the Giants remain undefeated.

Let's wait in anticipation for week 5.

Algona volleyball on the Right Track!

Jessica Kuhlmann

The Algona Volleyball girls did it again! Their current record now is 27-1 and they are currently ranked 2nd.

On Tuesday, September 29, the girls took the win over Clarion-Goldfield. The final scores were 25-19, 25-8, 25-16. Natalie Hackbarth led the Bulldogs with 15 kills, followed by Kirsten Lipps getting 7. Laura TerHark did a great job in the back row and at serving by getting 25 digs and 4 aces. The team had a total of 16 blocks

against the Cowgirls.

Not only did the team have a good night, but Coach TerHark also received her 612th win for her career. She was acknowledged Tuesday night before the varsity match. 290 of her wins were with the Cowgirls and the rest were with the Algona Bulldogs. Her 600th win was during the Spencer Tournament.

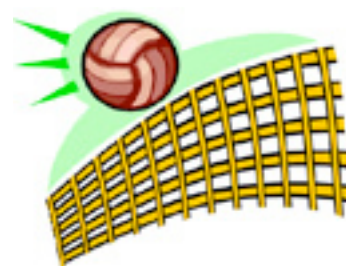
The Bulldogs took the win over the Humboldt Wildcats on Thursday, October 1. Final scores were 25-23, 25-21, and 25-

10. Hackbarth had 20 kills followed by Allie Simpson with 10. The team had a total of 44 kills. Audrey Schuttler did a great job serving, getting 2 aces against the Wildcats. The Dawg Pound also did an amazing job battling with the Humboldt fans and having more spirit and good sportsmanship. Megan Simonson said, "The Dawg Pound did a great job!"

On Thursday, October 8 the girls faced town rivals, Bishop Garrigan. Bishop Garrigan came into

the game with a record of 6 wins and 4 losses. The Bulldogs won in 3 games.

Next up for the Bulldogs is a game at Eagle Grove on Thursday, October 15th.



The baby place

Chelsea Korf

Mrs. Bormann took her child development class to the Kossuth County Regional Health Center. While they were there, they visited the Obstetrical and Gynecological ward to learn more about pregnancies and how the birthing process works. Hannah Kadow says, "I found this trip to the OB ward very informing."

Currently the child development class is learning all about pregnancies, including pre-mature birth, teen pregnancy, and miscarriages. They had speakers for all of these topics explaining their stories and how it affected them. This week they are watching videos on birth

and in the videos they show a full out birth of a child.

Also, on Thursday, October 1st, Allison Hill talked about being a doula. A doula is just like a midwife, basically, except they help the family with anything they need, including learning more about what healthy or good things they can be doing during pregnancy, how it will go, and what options you have when you go into labor. A doula helps many people and are said to make a big impact on people's pregnancies.

So overall, the trip to the OB ward was very good; everyone enjoyed it.

Fitness

Ashley Mahurin

Time to get into shape in Algona High School's fitness class. Taught by Dawn, the fitness class is a harder, more intense gym class for all juniors and seniors; freshmen and sophomores have a shifting schedule between wellness and gym.

The juniors and seniors fitness' schedule is Monday-lifting, Tuesday-Pilates, Wednesday-aerobics, Thursday-Zumba, and Friday is a make up lifting day.

Pilates is a mind/body exercise. It teaches body awareness, good posture, and easy, graceful

movement. Zumba is an intense dance-aerobics that works the stomach area and uses Latin music to keep you up to pace. Allison Kajewski said, "Zumba is a fun and exciting part of fitness class."

Algona High School does a good job of keeping all the students healthy and fit by providing more than one activity each day and serving healthy food.

Ultimate fighter

Cody Fortune

Two weeks ago, the new season of *The Ultimate Fighter* started off with Rampage Jackson and Rashad Evans choosing fighters for their teams.

UFC is a fighting show where guys fight each other using martial arts and other fighting styles. To win, they either have to knock the other guy out or make them tap out by making them submit. Each fight includes three five-minute rounds, but the championships have five five-minute rounds.

Each week, Jackson and Evans pick one person from each team to fight and the loser of the fight

will be kicked off the show. The point of the show is to determine who will get the *UFC* contract to continue fighting for money. To get kicked off, they have to lose in a fight, but if somebody gets injured, they may have a chance to come back and have another chance.

This year there are three former professional football players on the show and one YouTube street fighter, Kimbo Slice. Kimbo is on there because everybody wanted to see what he would be like in the *UFC*. The football players are on there because they are too old for the NFL and wanted

to try out for the ultimate fighter because they like to be aggressive.

On Wednesday, September 30th, Kimbo Slice took on Roy "Big Country" Nelson and he did not put up a very good fight because Roy outweighed him and just laid on him. Bradie Becker says, "I love watching *UFC*; it is so awesome." After Kimbo lost, Marcus got injured and Kimbo is going to be given another chance to prove himself in the *UFC*.

The Ultimate Fighter is on every Wednesday at 9 o'clock central time on Spike TV.



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Fall activities for everyone

Bradie Becker

Fall officially started September 22, 2009. The start of fall means a lot of activities going on. The farmers are in the field, the leaves are beginning to fall, and the football season is well underway. "The hunting season has begun and it continues to get better as the crops are being harvested," says junior Adam Reimers.

The farmers are behind about two weeks with the amount of rain recently. By now the beans are usually out and at least three days of combing corn is completed. The rain makes it hard for the farmers to get into the field and get the crops out. With a week of wet weather to continue, the farmers may get farther behind.

Everyone should

Need for Speed: Shift

Cody King

Need for Speed: Shift is the latest installment in the long-running video game franchise: *Need For Speed*. Electronic Arts developed it and it was released September 15th under the rating E for everyone.

This game focuses on simulation racing and realistic drifting rather than the arcade racing style. It abandons the "street" racing formula and focuses on the "true" driver experience.

The story line has you competing in various types of races, such as time attack and head to head. There are many different tracks to race on with life-like scenery and dangerous obstacles.

stay safe and practice safe driving while all the big machinery is out. Make sure to slow down when traveling on black tops with heavy farm traffic. Also stay to the side of the road when coming to a hill.

Have you picked out your Halloween costume? Many kids already have their costumes ready to go. Whittemore and Algona are having their trick or treat night Saturday, October 31st, from 5:00-7:00 PM. Burt has set their trick or treat night for Friday, October 30th, from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. Algona is having a Halloween Costume Parade on October 31st, at 4:00 p.m. in downtown Algona. It is welcome to anyone.

Have a fun and safe

2009 fall.

Eventually, if you're good enough, you will make it to the NFS World Tour.

The game offers detailed customization of the 72 cars available in the game, which include the Bugatti Veyron, Pagani Zonda, and the Mercedes-Benz SLR McLaren. You can play single player, with your friends, or even test your skills online against anyone in the world.

It is available on all the major video game consoles. If you're looking for a game that looks amazing, is fun to play, and will keep you entertained for a long time, this is the game for you.

Washing your hands

Ryann Pearson

How many of you out there wash your hands properly after going to the bathroom or before handling food?

In the Skills for Living class, the students went around the school swabbing random objects they thought would have the most germs on them. They used que tips to swab the area and then they would rub it on the auger tray. Within a week's time, the auger tray was filled with bacteria. They used blood auger trays, which are air sealed.

The class found that the agriculture room doorknob and the north common's doors had the most bacteria on it. They also found out that the boys' locker room floor on the right side was probably one of the

worst places out of all of the things they swabbed. Cane Arrowood said, "Wash your hands or die." Anastasia Marie Busher said, "This lab taught us to have healthy hygiene." They found out that the dollar bill was one of the cleanest things they swabbed, along with the weight room bar.

The class also talked about proper ways to store food. When grocery shopping, always get your meat last. This is important because you do not want the meat to be out for too long. If it is in the Time Danger Zone for too long bad, bacteria can grow and cause severe health problems.

So the next time you go to handle food or go to the bathroom, wash your hands so you don't spread germs.

Wash your hands after you:

-use the toilet

-touch uncooked meat, poultry, fish or eggs, or other food from animals

-interrupt food preparation to answer the phone, open a door or drawer, etc.

-touch dirty plates, utensils, or equipment

-take out trash

-touch your nose, mouth, or any part of your body

-sneeze or cough

-touch pets

I love college

Adam Reimers

The seniors are probably looking forward to leaving high school and starting a new phase in their life. Here in the high school, there are colleges that come and visit the juniors and seniors. The colleges send representatives to come give students information about their school. "The students should go to these meetings so they know what college would be like and so they have a feel on what they want to do," said Julie Stein. The representatives talk about all the programs they have

at their colleges. It is a good way to get information about the campus. You can sign up to go to these meetings in Mrs. Stein's office, it's on clipboard, you just sign your name and show up when the meeting is taking place.

College visits are very helpful to students if they don't know where they want to go or what they want to do. They are pretty helpful to the juniors if they don't know much about the colleges or what the different colleges have for majors.

Algona on the big screen

Alynnia Freeburg

On Tuesday, September 29, Larry D. Webster came to visit the 8th period Cinema class to talk about the movie he's making here in Algona. The project is titled *Algona* and is based on a true story about the POW camps that were here during World War II.

They plan to start filming sometime in June or July. Right now they are working on getting the sets up and casting the characters. Mr. Webster said there are about 32 named characters and 8 lead roles. They originally wanted Tom Hanks as the Colonel, but are looking now instead to Gary Sinise who played Lieutenant Dan in *Forrest Gump*. Other possible actors include Robert Duvall, Morgan Freeman, and Larry mentioned something about Ashley Tisdale wanting a part.

They just got \$20,000,000 more for budget, bringing it up to 25 million, so this movie is expected to be a pretty high budget film.

Larry says that they anticipate 50-60% of the movie to be filmed in Algona. The downtown shots will be filmed in LA because it would be impossible to make our downtown look like it's from that time period again. Other scenes include a train which will also have to be filmed somewhere else because it would be too expensive to get a real train here.

The sets are going up near the fairgrounds. They may leave the sets up after filming is over and move the POW museum out there to draw in more people.

"I can't wait to find out more about the movie," said senior Triston Dacken.

Getting out there

Travis Stone

The journalism class took certificates to the businesses that donated to the 2008-2009 yearbook. The reason the businesses are asked to donate is to lower the costs of the yearbooks. The Journalism class also added a new banner in the north hallway to the gym that displays all the sponsors for last year.

Every sponsor that donated is put into a level. The white level, which donated 51 dollars, a red level donated 85 dollars, or a black level, that donated 100 dollars or more. Cody King said, "It feels good to give back to the community."

This year the Journalism class hopes to

be able to get an all color yearbook if they can make the yearbook 4 pages less than last year's black and white copy. So, the Journalism class is working hard to figure out the yearbook specifics to provide students with another great book.

This year the Journalism class narrowed down the yearbook themes to "I'm on a boat," "Go hog wild," and "Grab the bull by the horns." The class is also thinking about senior picture ideas and will be picking out covers soon.

BIG screen TVs

Megan Simonson

Have you noticed the new 52-inch TVs in the commons? Over the summer, Mr. Cecil got AHS two big screen TVs. The TVs were bought from North Iowa Appliance Center for \$1,400 a piece and mounting brackets were about \$100 a piece. The total was about \$3,000 and they were paid for from an account designed for student interests. Last year the money in this account

was used for the group R5 to come in early January.

The TVs will be used for presentations, in-services, end of the year yearbook, and whatever else they may be needed for. A goal that Rick Adams and Mr. Cecil have is to show a stream live video from the gym on the TVs while it is being played in the gym. Ean Weber said, "What new TVs?"



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What's happening in Hollywood?!?!

Allison Kajewski

With the spotlight on the actors and actresses in Hollywood these days, it is fair to say, they can't keep anything private. This is how we have to come to know that Khole Kardashian secretly married L.A. Lakers' basketball player, Lamar Omor, after dating for only one month. Everything seems fine and dandy, right? Wrong, the couple won't be legally married until after they come to agree on the prenuptial agreement.

More shocking news says that Jennifer Aniston, 40, is having a baby with John

Mayer. She told a source, "I know my biological clock is ticking, but I am ready!" She finally gets her dream! She wanted to be pregnant by her 41st birthday, and she accomplished that.

Lauren Conrad, reality star from the MTV show, *The Hills*, wrote a fictional book entitled, *L.A. Candy*. The book is about a girl who becomes famous from a reality television show, kind of like what happened to her. Temple Hill Entertainment bought the book to make it into a movie already. It is the

same company that does the *Twilight* saga.

In other news, Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart of *Twilight* are NOT engaged. The sources you hear are from the filming of the third book in the *Twilight* series, *Eclipse*. In this book, Edward proposes to Bella, and when they made the magazine cover, the editors made it sound like they were truly engaged. They are not engaged, and they are asked to keep their love life secretive until after *New Moon* comes out to theatres.

Jon Gosselin, from

Jon and Kate Plus 8, took \$230,000 out of his and Kate's joint checking account. This left her with a measly \$1,000. Kate took him to court because the rules were he could not withdraw money from the account. Kate now has no money to support her eight kids with.

Life in Hollywood is much different than life in Iowa. Here in Iowa, people aren't surrounded by mobs everywhere they go, like what happens to many people in Hollywood. At least there is somewhere people can go to have a normal life!

Finding *The Lost Symbol*

Hanna Harmon

First, there was *Angels & Demons*. Then, there was *The Da Vinci Code*. Now, the third book in Dan Brown's Robert Langdon series, *The Lost Symbol*, was released on September 15, 2009.

It follows the series's protagonist, Harvard symbolologist Robert Langdon, as he goes to

Washington D.C. where his best friend, Peter Solomon, a well-known Freemason, has been kidnapped. Peter's severed hand is found on the floor of the Capitol Rotunda tattooed into a symbolic "Hand of the Mysteries," and Robert receives a phone call from a man named Mal'akh who claims to have Peter and that only Robert can

save him by decoding the Freemasons' greatest secret before midnight. Soon a race against time is started not only to save Peter's life, but also to preserve national security.

The book has had a first printing of 6.5 million copies, the largest in Doubleday history. It also broke the record for

fastest-selling adult novel in history and was at the top of the *New York Times* bestseller list for hardcover fiction by September 25. It was also #1 on amazon.com the day it was released. It is expected to be made into a movie by Columbia Pictures to be released in 2012.

"I don't want little fat kids with snubbed noses"

Hannah Kadow

The Invention of Lying was showing in Mason City this past weekend. In a city of people only telling the truth, Mark Bellison can lie. Many people told him he is a fat loser and won't ever excel in life. After losing his job, he loses his apartment. Not wanting to give up on his life, he tells his first lie, gaining him some money. Since everyone tells the truth, everyone believes

him.

Once he gains some money, he wants more. He keeps telling lies and keeps getting more and more popular. He tells his dying mother that she won't die and go to a place of nothingness. People hear and it spreads. People find out that he knows what happens when you die, and people want more information. He lies even more and gets very

popular.

Once he gains a very good friend named Anna, he wants to be more than friends. She knows she is not attracted to him and wants to find her genetic match. That does not include Mark, since he is fat and non-attractive. She says many times she doesn't want little fat kids with snubbed noses. Go and check out the movie to see what all unfolds.

The Invention of Lying is rated R because of some swearing and inappropriate language. This movie is good. It is funny, but not as funny as the previews make it seem. It is kind of slow moving but has a good plot.



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Lead out loud

Derrik Johnson

Lead Out Loud is this year's theme for the FFA National Convention. The convention is the biggest event for FFA each year. This year it is located in Indianapolis, Indiana, like it has been the previous years.

This year there are seven students from AHS going. They are seniors, Ryann Pearson and Andrew Skallerup, juniors Maddie Gisch and Karl Nicolaus, and sophomores Tyler Lubenthal,

Meredith Hienold, and AJ Wagner. The chaperone this year will be Randy Pearson.

They will be leaving on Wednesday, October 21, and will be returning Saturday, October 24.

This year the opening speaker for the convention will be Mike Rowe from *Dirty Jobs*. Each year the convention also has a concert. This year Toby Keith will be performing. The events this year

include the career show, a lot of workshops, and convention sessions. For the entertainment this year, the Algona FFA Chapter will be attending a Bulls and Broncs Championship Rodeo.

Mr. MacVey and all the kids are looking forward to going to the National Convention this year. Ryann Pearson says "Bunking with the guys is going to be awesome!"



AHS going green

Natalie Hackbarth

The environmental science classes are doing their part to help protect the environment. They sold environmentally friendly water containers. The containers will help reduce plastic bottles in the landfills. The bottles hold 20 ounces and were available in four

different colors: blue, green, red, and silver. They also have the Algona Bulldogs logo printed on the front with a clip attached to the top for easy transportation. Each bottle cost 6 dollars and all proceeds made will be used to help buy trees to be planted on school grounds.

The class sold 223 water containers and delivery time can be expected by mid-October. Allison Kajewski is super excited for the new water bottles to come in. They have also ordered 50 extra for those who would still like one. To buy one, pay six dollars to

Mr. Young when the order is delivered.

The class is also responsible for the big containers by most drinking fountains. The bins are for plastic water bottles only. You throw your water bottles in the bin and the class will make sure it gets recycled.

Emmy winning shows return

Grayson McElroy

It's been a long summer and now fall is upon us. That means one thing: fall television shows are back! With this return, Thursday night on NBC is an evening to look forward to each week. Many popular shows return, such as: *The Office*, *Parks and Recreation*, and *30 Rock*.

The Office returns this fall with Emmy nominated Steve Carell as Michael Scott, the bumbling boss of the Dunder-Mifflin paper company. This week, Jim and Pam from the show are getting married after

six seasons. It should be a crazy wedding that no one, who watches the show, will forget.

Coming off 22 Emmy nominations and its third straight season as Outstanding Comedy Series, *30 Rock* returns October 15th. The show revolves around Liz Lemon, the head writer of a variety show who has to deal with the show's lead stars and slick executive producer. There's no telling what could happen this year for its fourth season.

The newcomer to Thursday night on NBC is

Community. The show stars Joel McHale, the host of E! networks *The Soup*. He plays Jeff Winger, a lawyer whose college degree is found to be invalid and is forced to go to community college. The show revolves around Jeff and the strange experiences he has at college, including befriending a group of socially challenging people. Among the cast is Chevy Chase, star of the Vacation films, who plays Pierce, a crazy industrialist who has been married seven times and tags along with Jeff for the crazy ride.

If you're looking for hilarious, entertaining shows, then check out Thursday nights on NBC.

